

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 2, kindly insert the following paragraph:

a₁ This is a continuation of US Serial No. 09/187,579 filed November 5, 1998,
which issued as US Patent 6,246,062 on June 12, 2001.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 17, and 20 to read as follows:

1. (Amended once) An apparatus for detecting the presence or position of an ophthalmic product in a container, comprising:

a) source of electromagnetic energy located relative to the container to direct electromagnetic energy at the container;

a₂ b) a non-imaging detector disposed relative to the container and the source to detect electromagnetic energy from the source which passes through or is reflected by the product and the container; and

c) means for indicating the presence or position of the product in the container responsive to fluorescence, absorption or reflection of the electromagnetic energy by the product.

a₃ 17. (Amended once) A method for detecting the presence or position of an ophthalmic product in a container, the product including a media which fluoresces, absorbs or reflects electromagnetic energy of a frequency in a specified range, the method comprising:

(a) directing electromagnetic energy of a frequency in the specified range at the product and the container;

(b) detecting, without imaging, the electromagnetic energy which passes through or is reflected by the product and the container; and

(c) processing the detected electromagnetic energy to determine the presence or position of the product in the container.

a₄ 20. (Amended once) A method for detecting the presence or position of an ophthalmic product in a container, the product including a media which fluoresces,